

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Robert Underwood on 12/3/10.

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In the claims:

In claim 16, line 4, deleted: "activity".

In claim 16, line 4, inserted after "alters the": --binding and/or colocalization--.

In claim 16, line 5, inserted after "polypeptide": --with parkin--.

In claim 17, line 1, changed "15" to : --16 --.

In claim 17, line 2, deleted: "activity".

In claim 17, lines 1-2, inserted after "decreases the": --binding and/or colocalization--.

In claim 17, line 2, inserted after "polypeptide": --with parkin--.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Stephen Gucker whose telephone number is 571-272-0883. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Fridays from 0930 to 1800.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Stucker, can be reached at 571-272-0911. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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